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**Subject:** RE: ICP

Hello Ms. Palmer,

I just spoke with David Wood, manager of the accounting office here in Region 9. We are still looking into the situation to see if and how there is a way to accommodate this request.

As for now, until otherwise told, we cannot approve this request for EQM to purchase healthy snacks (i.e. fruit, nuts, juice, etc.) for the entire group working at the Region 9 location.

Please feel free to provide further clarification based on the questions I asked in the previous email.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Amit Raikar

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Hello Ms. Palmer,

I can appreciate the nature and difficulty of the situation. Upon first glance, I believe that providing these healthy snacks at the Incident Command Post would not be an allowable expense.

Due to various incidents in recent years, the government has come under intense scrutiny for expenses dealing with purchase of food and snacks. Hence, we are in the post-incident scrutiny era.

To see if there is anything possible, would you help clarify for whom these healthy snacks would be provided? For example, would it only be EPA staff? Other agency members? etc.

David, would you be able to shed any light on whether an expense like this could be approved?

Thank you.

Best regards,

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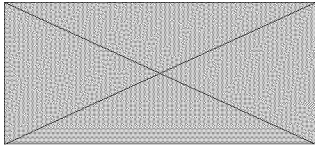
Hi Amit,

We received the request below from one of the OSCs at the Gold King Mine location in Farmington, NM. Due the nature of this response it has been difficult for all persons concerned to get out for lunch during the day. Per the request below we are asking for approval to purchase healthy snacks (i.e. fruit, nuts, juice, etc.) for the entire group working at the Region 9 location.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Laurie,

First off, Jason and Patrick are doing an incredible job during a really challenging time.

As you are probably aware, we are having senior leadership, upper management and other VIPs coming through the ICP. Is there a way, considering the ER and the long hours and everything that comes with it, that EQm can supply snacks and other healthy foods? I know this isn't typically something that is supported, but considering the situation, I was hoping there was a provision in the contract.

Please let me know or feel free to call to discuss further.

Cheers,

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